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Gentlemen:

The Microsoft antitrust case should never have been started. Please, please accept the current settlement offer and get this thing finished. You are just in the way. Market forces, in the case of software, are fully capable of ruining any company that gets too far from the user's needs. Government may have a legitimate antitrust roll in some industries, but software is not one of them. We the users can put anyone, including Microsoft, out of business before a government agency can write all the reports defining what might be the problem. I am a long-time software developer and have seen the mighty come and go with no government intervention. Government only makes things worse. If we need you, we'll call you. Stop listening to Microsoft's competitors who spend their time whining to government agencies rather than building superior products. And, ignore those state government agencies that only see this as a possible revenue source. This isn't tobacco. Stop government extortion.

Thank you, David W. Workman Thomasville, NC

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